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Electricity Fair Returns to the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

FOLSOM, Calif. -- Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park is proud to host the 5th Annual Electricity Fair on Saturday, September 10. The public is invited to attend this interactive family celebration that will host a variety of exhibits and demonstrations intended to highlight one of the world's oldest hydroelectric facilities.

"We are very excited to be hosting this event for its fifth year, each year it grows." The Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park is an incredible park that showcases one of California's historic gems," State Park Superintendent Richard Preston said. "This family event not only highlights this incredible park and how hydroelectric power was sent 22 miles to Sacramento on July 13, 1895, it also presents today's energy saving technologies through interactive displays and activities."

The Electricity Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event activities include:

- Interactive electromagnetism projects and experiments by "Mr. Electricity"
- Wacky hat parade
- Scavenger hunt
- Face painting
- Interactive science projects such as building an energy circuit, solar art and many more
- A variety of electric vehicles will be on display

The public is also invited to explore the many exhibits and interactive displays inside the visitor center and enjoy docent-guided tours of the Historic Main Powerhouse, Lower Powerhouse, and water canal system.

The Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association will be selling light snack refreshments onsite. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Powerhouse State Historic Park through continued interpretive and educational programs.



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Admission to the park and the event are free. Limited parking is available. Additional parking is available in the City of Folsom lots on Scott Street.

The Electricity Fair is presented in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association, Friends of Lakes Folsom and Natoma, SMUD, PG&E, Safeway, Placerville Community Observatory and SacEV.org.

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